

What is claimed is:

1. A method for assembling a textbook, comprising
receiving preferences from a user,
presenting at least one module to the user based on the
preferences,
receiving module selections from the user, and,
assembling the selected modules into an electronic
textbook.
2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising
providing an interface to allow the user to edit the
assembled modules.
3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising
providing an interface to modify the preferences.
4. A method according to claim 1, further comprising
providing an interface the layout of the modules.
5. A method according to claim 1, further comprising
printing the electronic textbook.
6. A method according to claim 1, further comprising
transmitting the electronic textbook to the user.

7. A method according to claim 1, wherein receiving preferences from a user further includes receiving at least one data selected from subject matter, location, age level, difficulty level, text length, number of classes, workload per class, text proportion, illustration proportion, teaching style, aspect emphasis, format, assignment types, location, cost per copy, and total cost.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein receiving information from the user further includes providing an interface having at least one question.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein receiving information from the user further includes providing an interface having at least one option selection.

10. A method according to claim 1, further comprising assembling questions based on the selected modules.

11. A method according to claim 1, wherein receiving preferences further comprises receiving preferences over a computer network.

12. A method according to claim 1, wherein presenting at least one module to the user based on the preferences includes presenting the at least one module over a network.

13. A method according to claim 1, wherein presenting at least one module to the user based on the preferences further includes associating the preferences with descriptors associated to the modules.

14. A system for assembling a textbook, comprising at least one user interface to receive preferences from a user, present at least one module to the user based on the preferences, and receive module selections from the user, at least one database to store the at modules, and, at least one processor to access the database, coordinate the operation of the user interface, and assemble the selected modules into an electronic textbook.

15. A system according to claim 14, wherein the at least one user interface further comprises an editing module to allow a user to modify the electronic textbook.

16. A system according to claim 14, wherein the at least one user interface further comprises an interface to modify the preferences.

17. A system according to claim 14, wherein the at least one user interface further comprises a layout editor.

18. A system according to claim 14, further comprising a printer for printing the textbook.

19. A system according to claim 14, wherein preferences include information selected from subject matter, age level, difficulty level, text length, number of classes, workload per class, text proportion, illustration proportion, teaching style, aspect emphasis, format, assignment types, location, cost per copy, and total cost.

20. A system according to claim 14, wherein at least one user interface further includes at least one of check boxes, radio buttons, sliders, and text input boxes.

21. A system according to claim 14, further comprising a question generator based on the module selections.

22. A system according to claim 14, further comprising a network connection between the processor and a client.

23. A method for preparing a textbook, comprising

providing a database having electronic textbooks,
providing a user interface for selecting an electronic
textbook from the database,
providing an editorial interface for editing the
selected electronic textbook, and
recording the edits to the electronic textbook.

24. A method according to claim 23, further comprising
printing the recorded textbook.

25. A method according to claim 23, further comprising
storing the edited textbook in the database.

26. A method according to claim 23, further comprising
placing an order for at least one of the electronic
textbooks.

27. A method according to claim 23, wherein providing the
editorial interface includes providing an interface for
altering text of the selected textbook.

28. A method according to claim 23, wherein providing the
user interface includes
providing an interface for receiving preferences from a
user, and,

selecting electronic textbooks from the database that are associated with the preferences.

29. A method according to claim 23, further comprising assembling questions based on the selected textbook.

30. A system for preparing a textbook, comprising at least one database including electronic textbooks, at least one user interface for selecting an electronic textbook from the database, an editorial interface for editing the electronic textbook, and a processor to access the database and control at least one of the user interface and the editorial interface.

31. A system according to claim 30, further comprising a printer in communication with the processor.

32. A system according to claim 30, wherein the at least one database further includes memory for storing an edited textbook.

33. A system according to claim 30, further comprising a storage system for storing an edited textbook.

34. A system according to claim 30, wherein the electronic textbooks are arranged according to at least one of subject matter, location, age level, and difficulty level.

35. A system according to claim 30, wherein the editorial interface includes a text editor.

36. A system according to claim 30, further comprising an exam generator for assembling questions based on the selected electronic textbook.

37. A system according to claim 41, wherein the processor is coupled to a network.

38. A database comprising a plurality of modules associated with at least one tag being indicative of at least one of subject matter, difficulty, grade level, teaching style, and curricula.

39. A database according to claim 38, wherein the at least one tag can be associated with questions based on the subject matter of the module.

40. A database comprising electronic textbooks sorted according to at least one of subject matter, difficulty, grade level, and geographic location of the creator.

41. A database according to claim 40, further comprising contact information for creators of the textbooks.

42. A database according to claim 40, wherein the contact information further includes electronic mail addresses.

43. A method for presenting a virtual classroom, comprising,

 providing a customized textbook,

 providing at least one of notes, an exam, and references associated with the customized textbook.

44. A method according to claim 43, wherein providing a customized textbook further comprises providing the customized textbook over a network.

45. A method according to claim 43, further comprising providing at least one interface for transmitting an answered exam to at least one of a storage device and a network destination.

46. A method according to claim 43, further comprising providing at least one interface for transmitting an answered exam to an email destination.

47. A method for creating a virtual classroom, comprising, providing a customized textbook, and, associating electronic resources with the customized textbook, the electronic resources based on the contents of the customized textbook.

48. A method according to claim 47, wherein, providing a customized textbook further comprises selecting modules for inclusion in the textbook, the selected modules being associated with electronic resources.

49. A method according to claim 47, wherein associating electronic resources further comprises associating at least one of a URL, a HTTP link, an image, and a textual document.